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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF CIA OPERATIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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1. STORY REPORTED REFTEL IS UNFOLDING ALONG TWO SEPARATE LINES. ON ONE HAND, LOCAL NEWSMEN HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH BY TELEPHONE WITH EDWARD HANDELL WHO WROTE FOR UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN STUDENT NEWSPAPER ABOUT HIS INTERVIEW WITH BC GOVERNMENT MINISTER WILLIAMS JUNE 20. HANDELL AT FIRST CLAIMED THAT HE HAD ABOUT 45 MINUTES OF THE INTERVIEW ON TAPE WITH THE REMAINING 15 MINUTES RECORDED IN A NOTEBOOK. HE SAID HE WOULD REVIEW TAPE

AND NOTES TO VERIFY ACCURACY OF WILLIAMS QUOTES AND HE AGREED TO CONFERENCE CALL A FEW HOURS LATER WITH CORRESPONDENTS IN VICTORIA. WHEN THAT CALL WAS PLACED, HOWEVER, HANDELL REFUSED TO CONFIRM THAT TAPE RECORDING OF CONVERSATION WITH WILLIAMS EVEN EXISTED AND REFUSED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ABOUT HIS STORY "UNTIL MR. WILLIAMS RETURNS TO CANADA." (MINISTER WILLIAMS IS AT PRESENT ON HOLIDAY IN EUROPE AND APPEARS TO BE OUT OF REACH EVEN OF HIS OWN OFFICE FOR TIME BEING.)

2. IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, STORY IS BEING DEVELOPED AS ESSENTIALLY LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUE. SOCIAL CREDIT MEMBER BC PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY MCCLELLAND APPEARS TO BE MAIN SOURCE OF REPORT TO LOCAL PRESS AND TV ABOUT ALLEGED INTERVIEW WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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WILLIAMS LAST MONTH IN MADISON, WISCONSIN. HE HAS CALLED

FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER FOR MAKING "INCREDIBLY IRRESPONSIBLE"
SUGGESTIONS THAT CIA IS SUPPORTING LOCAL OPPOSITION TO NDP.

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